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TELEGRAM FROM JERUSALEM (Acting Consul General)

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Report on the execution of the first man convicted of Treason against Israel.

Refers to U.K. Del New York telegram to Jerusalem 80 - 1981 to FO (E9820/1260/31).

Man who has been executed in presumed to be Tubiansky. Press circles in Jerusalem believed he had committed suicide but he may well have been executed. He is not one of the 5 captured British subjects.

There are no grounds for believing that the men were or were not involved in espionage, and the possibility that at least some of them were involved cannot be excluded.

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Addressed to U.K. Delegation New York telegram No. 63 of 21st July, repeated to Foreign Office, Washington and saving to Haifa and B.M.E.O.

Your telegram No. 80. 9820/1260/21

Abducted British subjects.

Jew referred to in paragraph 1 of your telegram is presumably Tubiansky, see paragraph 2 of my telegram No. 242 to Foreign Office. Press circles in Jerusalem believed he had committed suicide but he may well have been executed. He is not one of the 5 abducted British subjects. 9707/1260

2. With reference to third paragraph of your telegram No. 1985 to Foreign Office I have no grounds for believing that these men were or were not involved in espionage. Possibility that at least some of them were cannot be excluded.

Foreign Office please pass Important to U.K. Del. New York and Washington as my telegrams Nos. 63 and 242 respectively.

[Repeated Important to U.K. Delegation New York and Washington].

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